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ABSTRACT

A gaming machine 10 has a display 14 and a game controller arranged to control images displayed on the display 14. The game controller is arranged to play a game wherein at least one random event is caused to be displayed on the display means and, if a predefined winning event occurs, the machine awards a prize. The display 14 displays a plurality of spinning reels 18, each reel 18 carrying symbols from a set of symbols. One of the symbols of the set is a special symbol and, in respect of at least one of the reels, the set comprises more than one occurrence of the special symbol.

5 The special symbols on the at least one reel are arranged on the reel so that more than one special symbol is able to be displayed simultaneously when the reels are in a rest condition. When more than a minimum number of special symbols are displayed at any one time, all the displayed special symbols contribute to a single paying combination of the special symbols.

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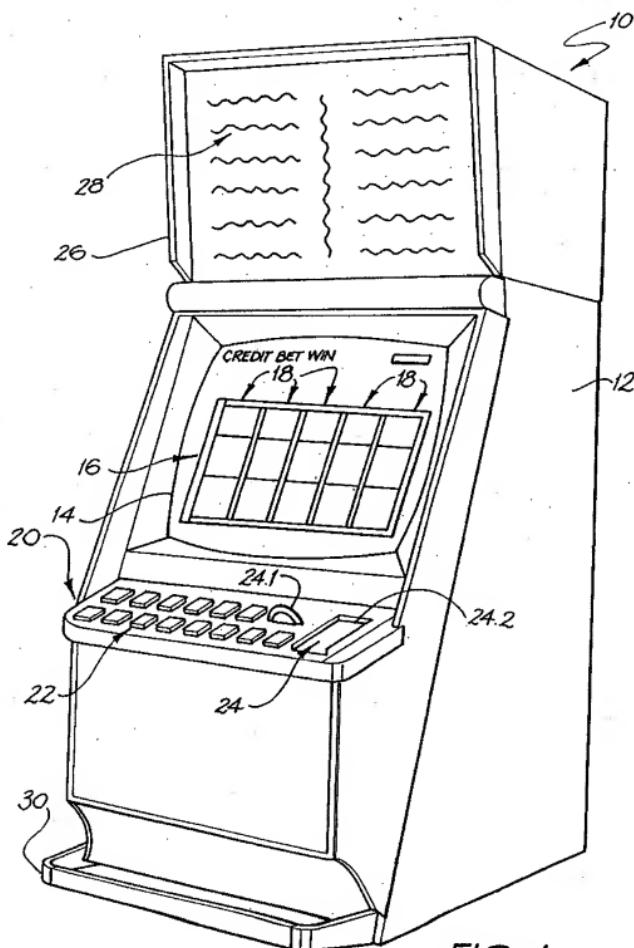


FIG. 1